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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Members, Joint Topographical Subcommittee

Subject: Source's Unit.

1. It is urgently recommended that a source unit be established in JISPB to serve the following needs:

a. To assemble list of sources in advance of each study for circulation to contributors, and to maintain liaison with contributors to make certain they use available major relevant sources. This will involve in some cases arranging for reproduction of some sources for which only one copy exists, and examining and evaluating captured materials and recommending, in certain cases, their translation.

b. To service Joint Chiefs of Staff Committees which are constantly in need of material to meet rush requests. It is impracticable for them to canvass all the sources in Washington for this material and consequently such requests are referred to JISPB.

c. To prepare a bibliography of Topographic Intelligence publications. JISPB is currently directed to do this quarterly for the JTS on the Far East. Now the whole world should be covered. Such a bibliography, to be useful, should be carefully arranged with the latest and best studies on each area emphasized and should cover American and foreign intelligence. This project should be carried on cooperatively with the bibliography of the Bureau of the Budget on status of geographic research, which attempts to cover all government departments but does not receive much from the War and Navy Departments, the principal producers of geographic intelligence.

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2. Qualified personnel can be hired immediately to start such a unit and in the beginning would consist of one P-5 and part time services of a P-2 and a secretary.

3. Work of this sort has been carried on at JIBFB in the past in an unorganized fashion. Systematic, joint effort is needed now more than ever because of the new contributors working for JAMES and the great amount of material available on many areas of the world.

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